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Re: Preliminary Results of Secretary of State Review of Referendum R-02-2018

Dear Ms. Lewis,

On August 8, 2017, Save Our Schools Arizona ("the committee") filed an estimated 9,078 petition sheets containing 111,540 signatures with the Secretary of State's Office.

The Secretary of State's Office has now completed its initial review of the petition sheets and signatures in accordance with A.R.S. § 19.121.01(A) and issues the following findings.

Petition Sheets

- The committee filed 9,291 petition sheets with the Secretary of State's Office.
- The Secretary of State's Office eliminated petition sheets for the following reasons:¹
 - 51 petition sheets were rejected because a complete title and text of the referendum measure were not attached to the petition sheets. A.R.S. §§ 19-121(A)(3); 19-121.01(A)(1)(a).
 - 1 petition sheet was rejected because it contained a missing or incorrect serial number. A.R.S. §§ 19-121(A)(2); 19-121.01(A)(1)(c).
 - 216 petition sheets were rejected because the circulator affidavit was incomplete, unsigned, or had been modified. A.R.S. §§ 19-112(D) & (F); 19-121.01(A)(1)(d).
 - 53 petition sheets were rejected because the notary's seal was not affixed. A.R.S. § 19-121.01(A)(1)(e).
 - 42 petition sheets were rejected because the notary signature, the notarization date, or other required notary information was missing. A.R.S. § 19-121.01(A)(1)(e).
 - 7 petition sheets were rejected because the petition sheet was notarized before the first signature was obtained on the face of the petition sheet. A.R.S. § 19-121.01(A)(1)(f).

¹ Various petition sheets may have been eliminated for multiple reasons.



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- 10 petition sheets were rejected because the circulator was not properly registered with the Secretary of State's Office before the petition sheet in question was circulated. A.R.S. §§ 19-118(A); 19-121.01(A)(1)(h).
- 21 petition sheets were rejected because the petition sheet did not state whether the circulator was paid or a volunteer. A.R.S. §§ 19-101(C)-(E); 19-121.01(A)(1)(h).
- Following petition sheet elimination pursuant to A.R.S. § 19-121.01(A)(1), 8,950 petition sheets remained eligible for signature review.

Petition Signatures

- Among petition sheets that remained eligible for review, 24,066 signature lines were determined to be blank or crossed-out. Accordingly, 110,185 signatures were eligible for review pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 19-121.01(A)(2)-(3).
- The Secretary of State's Office rejected 1,961 petition signatures because the signature was gathered outside the county of the majority, key information about the signer was missing from the petition sheet, the petition signature was obtained before the referendum serial number was issued, the signature was obtained after the notarization date, or the signer's information was printed by the circulator. A.R.S. §§ 19-121.01(A)(2)-(3).
- 108,224 petition signatures were determined to be eligible for random sampling and County Recorder review. A.R.S. § 19-121.01(A)(4) & (6). Based on 111,540 purported petition signatures filed with the Secretary of State's Office, the committee had a 97% signature validity rate.
- The number of eligible petition signatures exceeds the Constitutional minimum 75,321 signatures. A.R.S. § 19-121.01(B); Ariz. Const. Art. IV, Pt. 1, § 1(2) & (7).

Random Sample

- The Secretary of State's Office conducted a 5% random sample of eligible petition signatures on August 18, 2017 and selected 5,412 total signatures for verification. A.R.S. §§ 19-121.01(B)-(C).
- 13 petition sheets containing 16 signatures were transmitted to Apache County.
- 32 petition sheets containing 45 signatures were transmitted to Cochise County.
- 167 petition sheets containing 230 signatures were transmitted to Coconino County.
- 20 petition sheets containing 27 signatures were transmitted to Gila County.
- 9 petition sheets containing 12 signatures were transmitted to Graham County.
- 14 petition sheets containing 24 signatures were transmitted to Greenlee County.
- 0 petition sheets containing 0 signatures were transmitted to La Paz County.



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- 2,949 petition sheets containing 3,931 signatures were transmitted to Maricopa County.
- 35 petition sheets containing 56 signatures were transmitted to Mohave County.
- 37 petition sheets containing 51 signatures were transmitted to Navajo County.
- 615 petition sheets containing 783 signatures were transmitted to Pima County.
- 55 petition sheets containing 69 signatures were transmitted to Pinal County.
- 18 petition sheets containing 26 signatures were transmitted to Santa Cruz County.
- 67 petition sheets containing 83 signatures were transmitted to Yavapai County.
- 41 petition sheets containing 59 signatures were transmitted to Yuma County.
- To qualify for the ballot, the County Recorders must collectively validate at least 3,767 signatures (69.6%) from the random sample.
- The deadline for County Recorder review is September 11, 2017. A.R.S. § 19-121.02(A).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Spencer", is written over a large, stylized blue circular mark.

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